

## NOTES

Scripture: Genesis 4-5

## REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

1. Looking back over your notes, what did you find most helpful, challenging, or interesting in this week's teaching? Was there anything you've never heard before or something that made you think differently?

## MY STORY

1. The story you're living will determine how you live. How has this played out in your life?
2. What are your thoughts about the degradation of humanity because of sin? Do we see all the brokenness and recklessness as a result of sin?
3. What does it mean to you to live by the design? How do you live by the design?
4. Chris said Genesis is a 60,000-foot overview and the "Cliff Notes" version. What does this mean? Why is it important to understand this as you're reading it?

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5. When you hear the accounts in Genesis 4, what did you learn about the effects of sin on mankind? Why is this important to consider?
  
6. What was wrong with Cain's offering?
  
7. What are the first and best fruit principles? What are the first and best fruits you're called to give to God? What does it look like for you to give your first and best to God?
  
8. Read Genesis 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:8. What should we take away from these two scriptures?
  
9. What does "God is the God of second chances" mean?
  
10. Chris told us that repentance is an offer of mercy, not judgment. What is repentance? Why is it an offer of mercy and not judgment?
  
11. Chris defined faith as "trusting God enough to do what He says or has said." How would you rate your faith using this definition? What areas of your life do you not trust God where He has clearly spoken?
  
12. How are faith and repentance connected?
  
13. One of Chris' points was, "we get to decide if we will receive God's grace by what we do next." What is God's grace? How does our decision affect whether we can receive God's grace?
  
14. Do you tend to get caught up in the questions in the Bible where God doesn't provide a specific answer? Why do you think this is? Do you find that this distracts you from the main thing God is trying to tell you in His word?

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15. Does Genesis 4:9 remind you of any scripture from last week in Genesis 3? Why do you think God asks a question when He already knows the answer?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

*Read through these guiding scriptures and answer the corresponding questions.*

**Read Genesis 4:2-5, 1 Samuel 15:1-22, Psalm 51, Hebrews 9:22, Hebrews 10:1-25, and Hebrews 11:1-4**

1. What was wrong with Cain's offering?

2. Why does the forgiveness of sin need to be paid for with blood?

3. Do you struggle with this at all?

4. What is faith? Why is faith important in this?

5. What is meant by "obedience is better than sacrifice"?

6. According to these passages, what is God expecting from us? What does He give us in return?

#### **BRINGING IT HOME**

1. Every human has inherent value because we have been created in the image of God. How do you live this out?

2. Chris said that the details matter in the offering you bring to God. Think and consider what you offer to God (i.e. time, treasures, talents). What are the details in what you bring to God? Are you offering God your first and best fruit? If so, how has God blessed that? If not, why not?

3. How specifically are you using the talents God has blessed you with? How are you serving the Lord with those talents? Is God challenging to use those talents in a different way? What will you do with that challenge?

4. Do you believe that God offers each of us a second chance? How has God offered you multiple chances? If you don't believe this, why not?

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5. God wants us to choose Him through repentance. What does it mean to repent? Thinking of yourself, how do you repent? Do you have any sin you've not repented of in your life?

6. Do you have the faith to trust Jesus to forgive you of your sins?

7. In light of God's grace through Jesus, what decisions are you making in your life? Are you making decisions to turn away from and resist sin consciously? How? Are you caught in sinful behavior or lifestyle that you refuse to turn away from?

8. Genesis 4:26 tells us that at the time of Seth, "people began to call on the name of the Lord." Why is this important? What do you think it took in Seth's time to stand for God in a culture that was in opposition to God? What can you learn from that?

9. One of Chris' points was, "you get to pick the kingdom you will live in." What does this mean? What are your choices here? How specifically are you picking the kingdom you will live in?

10. After hearing about Seth and his line, we see the impact of a parent on his descendants. How are you passing on your spiritual lineage to your children/grandchildren or the generation coming after you?

11. Chris challenged us to each think seriously about and answer these four questions:

a. Do you trust God enough to do what He says? Even in the areas of finances and giving? With your talents and time?

b. If God gave you a second chance, would you be willing to change how you live to take it?

c. If yes, what specifically would you do next?

d. Which Kingdom do you want to live in? Cain's or Seth's?

**Your Next Steps are:** 1) Consider the questions Chris has challenged us to answer (four questions under Q12 above). What will you do with your answers to these questions? How will you put your answers into practice?